



## WAIPAHA NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 22

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### REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

THURSDAY, JUNE 22, 2006

WAIPAHA CULTURAL GARDEN PARK

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chair George Yakowenko called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. A quorum was present.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Maureen Andrade, Marty Burke, Constante Domingo, Lorraine Duhaylonsod, Irene Elston, Connie Herolaga, Thomas Maus, Kerry Nishimoto, Richard Oshiro, Russell Roller, Rito Saniatan, Robert Tokioka III, George Yakowenko, Terry Healey (appointed at this meeting), Joe Hunkin, Jr. (appointed at this meeting).

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Charles Arnold.

**GUESTS:** Baybee Hufana-Ablan (Mayor's Representative), Councilmember Nestor Garcia, Karen Scharfenstein (Councilmember Gary Okino's office), James Nakatani (Congressman Ed Case's office), Frank Lopez (Governor's Representative), Senator Clarence Nishimoto, Jan Lehner (Senator Brian Kanno's office), R. Scott Belford (Senator Wil Espero's office), Representative Rida Cabanilla, Representative Jon Karamatsu, Representative Mark Moses, Representative Alex Sonson, Fire Fighter I Edward Millerd (HFD), Sgt. Tara Amuimuia, Sgt. Dan Aoki, Sgt. Lui Pestana and Lt. Guy DeMello (HPD), Kent Matsumura (DOE), Stan Fujimoto (HCDCH), Pat Lee (Honolulu High-Capacity Corridor Transit Project), Rod Ohira (Honolulu Advertiser), Mark Bullard and Kelly Rodriguez (WFI), Bob and Yvonne Farrell (videographers), Rudy Costales (Waipahu Jack Rabbits), Island B (disk jockey), Edward Alfonso, Ramon Castillo, Richard Costa, Ben Davis, Kenneth and Didith Gouveia, Robert Ikeda, Jess Kajiwarra, David Pagan, Noelle Santos Costa, Jesus Santos, Masa Uyeda, Calvin Yamamoto, Steve J. Rodrigues (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

**INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS AND BOARD MEMBERS** – At the request of Chair Yakowenko, everyone introduced themselves.

**CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Chair Yakowenko stated anyone wishing to speak, must speak in the microphone so your voice will be heard clearly on Olelo.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS** (1 Year Term: June 2006-May 2007)

**Chair** – Roller nominated Richard Oshiro to serve as Chair for 2006-2007 (note – nominations do not require a second). Duhaylonsod nominated Connie Herolaga, however Herolaga declined the nomination. Roller moved and Duhaylonsod seconded to close the nominations. The motion carried unanimously. There being no other nominations, Oshiro was elected Chair by acclamation. Oshiro assumed the gavel. Chair Oshiro thanked the Board for their vote of confidence. He's willing to carry on what former Chair Yakowenko has done (who carried on for the late Chair C.O. "Andy" Anderson). Chair Oshiro said he can't fill Yakowenko's shoes, but he will do his best. He won't be able to serve on as many committees as Yakowenko and Anderson - he hoped other would volunteer.

**Vice Chair** – Burke nominated George Yakowenko to serve as Vice Chair for 2006-2007. Domingo moved and Burke seconded to close the nominations. The motion carried unanimously. There being no other nominations, Yakowenko was elected Vice Chair by acclamation.

**Treasurer** – Domingo nominated Rito Saniatan to serve as Treasurer for 2006-2007. Burke nominated Thomas Maus. Yakowenko moved and Garcia seconded to close the nominations. The motion carried unanimously. Saniatan – 6 votes; Maus – 5 votes; Abstain – 2 votes. No candidate achieved the 10 votes needed to be elected (note – 10 votes is needed for quorum). Maus withdrew his name. There being no other nominations, Saniatan was elected by acclamation.



**Secretary – Yakowenko nominated Marty Burke to serve as Secretary for 2006-2007. There being no other nominations, Burke was elected by acclamation.**

Chair Oshiro thanked everyone for serving as officers.

**FILLING OF VACANCIES FOR SUBDISTRICTS 4, 7, 8, 9, & 11** – Chair Oshiro asked if there were any candidates to fill any of the vacancies. If so, please come before the Board and provide your address to Neighborhood Assistant Steve J. Rodrigues. Pastor Joe Hunkin, Jr., a candidate for Subdistrict 4, introduced himself. **Yakowenko nominated Hunkin to fill the vacancy in Subdistrict 4** (Yakowenko, who has known Pastor Hunkin for a number of years, spoke in support of Hunkin). **The motion carried unanimously.** Terry Healey, a candidate for Subdistrict 11, introduced himself. **Roller nominated Healey to fill the vacancy in Subdistrict 11** (Roller said he and Burke has known Healey for a number of years, spoke in support of Healey). **The motion carried unanimously.**

A short recess was taken at this time so the Neighborhood Assistant could administer the Oath-of-Office to Healey and Hunkin.

**APPROVAL OF MAY 25, 2006 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES** – The Board approved the minutes as submitted.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** – Deferred until next month's meeting.

#### **OFFICIAL REPORTS:**

**Honolulu Fire Department (HFD)** – Fire Fighter I Edward Millerd reported: 1) For the month of May, the Waipahu and Waialeale Fire Stations responded to 47 fires, 90 medical emergencies, and 11 good intent calls. 2) Fire Safety Tip: "Brush fire season is here, so remember to maintain a 30-foot wide clearing in between any structure and vegetation. Recent rains may have overgrown vegetation in some breaks."

**Honolulu Police Department (HPD)** – Sgt. Dan Aoki reported: 1) The statistics for the month of May in the Waipahu area: 19 assaults; 43 auto thefts; 25 auto theft recoveries; 26 burglaries; 45 criminal property damages; 6 drug/narcotics; 171 motor vehicle collisions; 7 O.V.U.I.; 5 robberies; 87 thefts; 56 UEMV's; and 3,132 calls for service in Waipahu (44% of the calls were for service). Arrests: adults – 125, juveniles – 38. 2) Follow-up: a) The abandoned vehicles on Hiapo Street have been towed. A recently new law makes it easier to tow abandoned vehicles; b) There is an active drug investigation at 94-931 Kahualani Street. If anyone has any drug complaints, please call Detective Pascual at the Kapolei Police Station, 692-4061.

Concerns and comments followed:

- 1) Sgt. Aoki stated abandoned vehicles might be towed if any one of these violations occurs: no license plate, expired registration or expired safety check.
- 2) Andrade said there are vehicles in Village Park that has tarps over it. She asked if police could remove those tarps and determine if the vehicles are legal. It's an ongoing problem for the past 10 years. Sgt. Aoki will follow-up. Herolaga mentioned Councilmember Garcia's office also has been receiving similar complaints in the industrial area (Pupu area). Sgt. Aoki will follow-up.
- 3) A resident had concerns regarding graffiti. Sgt. Aoki stated there is a case that is going to the court. Lt. Guy DeMello added there are a couple of cases in July. Officers make the arrests then it's up to the judge to issue penalties. In a recent case, an individual was fined \$100. The penalties are not very punitive. Hunkin said members of his congregation were told that if they catch someone doing graffiti they couldn't be arrested because police has to witness the violation. Lt. DeMello confirmed Hunkin's statement. If you do witness a violation, you will be asked to go to court and testify against the suspect. Even if you take a photo of the individual in the act, police would still need a statement from the person who took the photo.

**HPD Weed & Seed** – Yakowenko mentioned a meeting was held a couple of days ago with the Department of Justice regarding Weed & Seed. Waipahu needs to apply for graduating status. The grant will come through the Waipahu Community Association (WCA). They are trying to keep the program in Waipahu.

**Mayor's Representative** – Baybee Hufana-Ablan reported: 1) The Mayor participated in the grand opening ceremony of the Village Park connector road. Following the ceremony, the Mayor had a press conference at Kapolei Hale regarding mass transit. 2) The Mayor's Chinatown Summit was held earlier today. 3) The Mayor's Report is on most Thursdays on Olelo, Channel 54, 7:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. 4) The next meeting for the Honolulu High-Capacity Transit Corridor Project will be held this Saturday at Kapolei Hale at 8:30 a.m. 5) Follow-up concerns: a) The Neighborhood Commission Office appreciates the Waipahu Neighborhood Board being cognizant of how taxpayers dollars are spent. Any unused Operating funds (including Operating, Publicity, and Refreshments) remaining at the end of each fiscal year will revert back to the City General Fund. Many Boards share the same belief as Waipahu, and do not use any funds for refreshments. However, some Boards use these funds not only to purchase refreshments but also to purchase leis for special occasions (i.e. retiring Board member, exceptional community service or accomplishment, etc.); b) The Village Park Community Association voted against Nextel's tower proposed at the Kunia Park-and-Ride; c) JoAnn Yatago, Recreation Director of Waipahu District Park, will get back to Rudy Costalo of the Waipahu Jack Rabbits, regarding the use of the park; d) \$1.4 million has been appropriated for Waipahu District Park Swimming Pool improvements. In the meantime, alternate City swimming pool sites available are in Pearl City, Manana, and Waikale; e) \$200,000 has been appropriated for Hans L'Orange Park; f) City Council Ordinance 06-13 addresses abandoned vehicles. Any vehicle left unattended or parked on any public street, road, or highway, may be towed if the vehicle has any one or more of the following: 1) No valid vehicle registration emblem or an expired vehicle registration; 2) No valid sticker affixed certifying a certificate of inspection or an expired certificate of inspection sticker. 3) No valid license plates.

Concerns and comments followed:

- 1) Chair Oshiro commended Hufana-Ablan for a very detailed report. A lot of Board members attended the grand opening of the connector road. Hopefully, the road will be a big benefit to the community.
- 2) Andrade said the street lights for the new connector road (Aiki Street) in Village Park is not working. Hufana-Ablan will follow-up.

#### **RESIDENTS' CONCERNS:**

**Homeless Solution** – Ben Davis said he has a proposal to help the homeless problem in Waipahu and the State. The U.S.S Independence, a decommissioned ship, could be used to house the homeless. He was a major factor in saving the U.S.S. Missouri and other ships. Chair Oshiro thanked Davis for his concern. He informed Davis that the Neighborhood Board may not be the proper place to air his proposal and suggested contacting Congressman Case's representative, area Legislators, and the Governor's representative – all of whom are present tonight.

**Water Saturated Problems** – Resident Jesus Santos of Nalii Street had concerns about saturated water bordering his property. It's been a problem for the past three weeks. He called Stan Fujimoto of Housing and Community Development Corporation of Hawai'i (HCDCH), and was told that the State could not do anything about the problem; and that the Plantation Town Apartments project should help the problem. Fujimoto, who was in attendance, stated there are two problems – the drainage easement running along Santos' property that is not working; and the sprig is leaking. A permit is needed to cap the sprig, which is a difficult process. It is solely not HCDCH's responsibility. Chair Oshiro asked Santos to work with Fujimoto, Frank Lopez (Governor's representative), and Representative Sonson.

**Plantation Town Apartments** – Chair Oshiro informed everyone wishing to speak, due to the long list of people waiting to testify, that there is a one-minute time limit per speaker.

There was lengthy discussion on this issue. Concerns and comments included: 1) Resident Robert Ikeda had concerns about parking and traffic. 2) Representative Cabanilla said she has a copy of the traffic study. 3) Resident Masa Uyeda had concerns about density of the project, parking, distance of project to nearby homes, and pile driving. 4) Resident Jess Kajiwaru had concerns about costs of the project, and lack of public input. 5) Yakowenko mentioned copies of a petition were circulated to the Board supporting the Plantation Town Apartments Project. 6) Resident Richard Costa had concerns about pile driving, parking, developer overlooking laws, and loss of view plain. 7) Resident Noel Santos Costa had concerns about the size and scale of project. 8) Chair Oshiro noted that the Board has a copy of a petition from residents opposing the project. Uyeda said 99% of the residents oppose the

project. The petition was sent to Connie Herolaga of Councilmember Garcia's office. 9) Yakowenko read a letter from the developer, Mike Kimura, addressing concerns about site location; parking; building height and mass; and traffic. (Note – the letter is on file). 10) Burke clarified the concerns: traffic, parking, soil substances, etc. He asked if an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is required. Representative Cabanilla said she has a copy of the Environmental Assessment (EA). Burke had concerns about soil substances. There will be substantially structure damage since the land is former swap land. He questioned once the property is sold what is the State's liability. The taxpayers will be left holding the bag. 11) Duhaylonsod, who lives one block from the project, supports Nalii Street residents. She echoed Burke's comment about the quality of the land. The developer only cares about making money. 12) Representative Sonson said he has no personal interest in the project.

**Andrade moved and Duhaylonsod seconded that the Waipahu Neighborhood Board No. 22 write a letter to HCDCH and Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) that acknowledges the need for affordable housing, while at the same time empathizes with the concerns expressed by the residents of Nalii Street. In addition, the Board recommends that HCDCH and DPP work with the developer and the residents to address and help mitigate their concerns. The motion carried unanimously.**

#### **COMMUNITY REPORTS:**

**Castle & Cooke** – Kevin Funasaki sent his monthly report via the Neighborhood Commission Office. Chair Oshiro said the report would be on file.

**Central O'ahu Regional Park/Waipio Soccer Facility** – Burke circulated his monthly community report and highlighted the following: 1) The Hawai'i Pacific Tennis Foundation will terminate operation of the tennis complex at midnight, July 2, 2006, after which responsibility for operating the facility will be assumed by the City. 2) Hours for adult open (lap) swimming are Monday-Friday: 7:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m., 3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.; weekdays and holidays: 8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon. Lap swimming may be pre-empted for scheduled tournaments.

**Honolulu High-Capacity Transit Corridor (HHCTC) Project** – Pat Lee said HHCTC is a 23-mile corridor, from UH Manoa to Kapolei. The next round of meetings will be held: June 24, Kapolei Hale Auditorium, 8:30 a.m.–10:00 a.m.; June 26, Honolulu Hale – Mission Memorial Auditorium, 5:30 a.m.–7:00 p.m.; and June 28, Aliamanu Middle School, 6:00 p.m.–7:30 p.m.. For more information, visit [www.honolulutransit.org](http://www.honolulutransit.org) or call 566-2299.

**Leeward YMCA** – No report or representative was available.

**OMPO Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC)** – Maus circulated his OMPO CAC monthly report and was available for questions.

**Waipahu Community Association (WCA)** – No report or representative was available.

**Waipahu Community Foundation** – Roller announced the Foundation's Board of Directors met earlier this evening to select which groups/organizations will receive the next quarterly grants. Approximately \$16,000 is awarded each quarter. He encouraged non-profit youth organizations in the Waipahu area to apply. Applications are available through him or at the Waipahu High School administration office. If anyone needs assistance in filling out the application or wants an electronic copy of the application, please contact him at 671-6636.

#### **PRESENTATIONS:**

**Disabled Parking Enforcement Program** – Sgt. Tara Amuimuia stated the Disabled Parking Enforcement Unit Program began in 1996; she recently inherited the program. Neighborhood Board member George Yakowenko is a special enforcement unit volunteer, who issues citations in the Pearl City and Waipahu areas. Volunteers receive 48 hours of training. If anyone is interested in becoming a volunteer, you must be at least 21 years old; under 70 years old; possess a high school diploma and a drivers license; must pass a criminal background test and a hearing and vision test. A disabled parking violation costs \$260. There is a mandatory court appearance for fabrication and alteration of placards. She has copies of the laws and applications available.

Concerns and comments followed:

- 1) Hunkin asked if he has four vehicles how many placards are you allowed. Sgt. Amuimuia answered you are allowed two placards per household.
- 2) A resident inquired if his wife is assigned the placard does she have to be in the vehicle. Sgt. Amuimuia answered in the affirmative.
- 3) Sgt. Amuimuia stated volunteers issue approximately 3,000 citations per year. All the money from the fines goes directly to the State.
- 4) Sgt. Amuimuia said for every 25 parking stalls there must be one disabled parking stall.
- 5) Duhaylonsod indicated when she sees vehicles without the placard parked in a disabled stall she notifies the store manager. Sgt. Amuimuia said the next time you witness a violation to take the license plate, location, time and call her office at 529-3136.
- 6) A resident asked Yakowenko ever encountered any conflict Yakowenko answered he hasn't, you just have to keep your cool. Sgt. Amuimuia added part of the training includes verbal judo class. In worst-case scenario, the volunteers call for an officer.

**Proposed Telecommunications Facility at Kunia Park & Ride by Nextel** – Chair Oshiro said the Board heard a presentation by Nextel at last month's meeting and asked that they go back to the community and make a presentation to the Royal Kunia and the Village Park Community Associations (VPCA). Andrade, President of the VPCA, indicated that at last night's meeting, Nextel made a presentation on their proposed facility. There were a lot of questions and concerns. The association voted against Nextel's proposal. **Andrade moved and Maus seconded that the Waipahu Neighborhood Board No. 22 oppose Nextel's proposed telecommunications facility at Kunia Park & Ride. The motion carried unanimously.**

**Redistricting Waipahu Neighborhood Board Seats** – Herolaga, Chair of the Redistricting Committee, stated there was no meeting in May because she was waiting for a large boundary map from the Neighborhood Commission Office. She only received the map this past Monday. Herolaga asked to defer this item to next month's meeting.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Decision to Either Recess or Hold a Candidates Forum in August** – Yakowenko noted that in the past the Board has recessed in August and December. The Neighborhood Plan allows the Board to recess two months per year. The Board has always taken a recess in August, except when a candidates forum was held. **Yakowenko moved and Duhaylonsod seconded that the Waipahu Neighborhood Board recess in August.** Discussion ensued. Burke said during election years the Board has held candidates forums. It has been very worthwhile for the candidates and the community. He strongly urged the Board hold a candidates forum; there are some interesting races. **Both Yakowenko and Duhaylonsod accepted a friendly amendment. The motion now reads the Waipahu Neighborhood Board will recess in August and in its place will hold a Candidates Forum (on the fourth Thursday in August). The motion carried unanimously.** Burke will coordinate with Chair Oshiro. He will make arrangements to reserve August Ahrens School Cafeteria. Chair Oshiro announced more details would be provided at next month's Regular Meeting.

#### **GOVERNMENT REPORTS:**

**Board of Water Supply (BWS)** – No report or representative was available.

**Councilmember Nestor Garcia** – Herolaga circulated Councilmember Garcia's monthly report. Councilmember Garcia reported: 1) He congratulated the new Board officers and the newly appointed Board members. 2) Today, the

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City Council adopted Resolution 06-225, expressing Council support to defray the administrative costs associated with funding for mass transit systems. The City will advance \$5 million to the State. This is the first step in the

process. Hopefully, the Legislature will allocate money in the 2007 session. The Council will have to vote on a mass transit alternative by the end of the year. 3) He attended the opening of the Village Park Connector Road yesterday. The project was long in the making. He thanked the late C.O. "Andy" Anderson, others who are no longer with us, and people in this room, who made the road a reality.

Chair Oshiro mentioned earlier in the meeting residents voiced their concerns regarding the Plantation Town Apartments project. The Board will write a letter to HCDCH and DPP regarding this project and will need to rely on your guidance and support. Councilmember Garcia said he's glad the petition drive was launched by area residents; this is grass-roots government. He has met with the developer and made the developer aware of the concerns from residents. He also held a meeting with Senator Nishihara, who will also sit down with the developer. Representative Sonson held a meeting last night with residents on this issue. Everyone is working together to find a solution.

**Councilmember Gary Okino** – Karen Scharfenstein circulated Councilmember Okino's monthly report was available for questions.

Chair Oshiro asked Scharfenstein to relay a message to Councilmember Okino that the Board misses his presence at the Neighborhood Board meetings. Councilmember Okino has been a strong supporter of the community.

**Congressman Ed Case** – James Nakatani circulated Congressman Case's newsletter and highlighted the following: 1) Congressman Case's newsletter includes a survey. 2) Congressman Case continues to hold his "Talk Story" series. 3) He will follow-up with Santos' concern. 4) If anyone needs assistance, please call their office.

**Governor's Representative** – Frank Lopez circulated the "Governor's Update", and answers to last month's concerns regarding the bottle bill. He was available for questions.

**Department of Transportation (DOT)** – No report or representative was available.

**Board of Education (BOE)** – No report or representative was available.

**Senator Wil Espero** – R. Scott Belford circulated Senator Espero's monthly report and was available for questions.

**Senator Brian Kanno** – Jan Lehner circulated Senator Kanno's monthly report and was available for questions.

**Senator Clarence Nishihara** – Senator Nishihara circulated his monthly report and highlighted the following: 1) He congratulated newly appointed Board members Hunkin and Healey. He has known Hunkin for years. 2) Residents of Nalii Street have his support to find a resolution to the Plantation Town Apartments project. 3) The Adult Room at the Waipahu Public Library will be renamed after the late C.O. "Andy" Anderson on August 2, 2006, 6:00 p.m.

Concerns and comments followed:

- 1) Roller mentioned Waipahu District schools are the largest on the island and includes a lot of at-risk students. He inquired about the Weighted Student Formula. Senator Nishihara stated schools would be impacted by the Weighted Student Formula. For 2007, the Legislature appropriated \$20 million for schools shortfall. He asked to meet with complex principals to discuss this issue. Roller asked how could the Board and the community lends its support to the schools. Senator Nishihara said the Board of Education (BOE) has meetings throughout the state. The Neighborhood Board can participate when the meeting is held in the community. The Legislature got additional funding for school repairs. He did get \$600,000 for an additional classroom for Waipahu Elementary.
- 2) Yakowenko asked Senator Nishihara if he received any calls regarding his support of Lt. Watada at his press conference. Senator Nishihara stated the day after the press conference he received one email. He has known Bob Watada (Lt. Watada's father) for years and senior Watada asked him for his support to attend the press conference.

- 3) Burke, who sits on the Kanoelani Elementary SCBM, said he received a telephone call today regarding a meeting this Saturday at Waipahu Intermediate on the Weighted Student Formula. There is concern that the district tends to lose \$5 million. Senator Nishihara asked to call him with the time of the meeting.
- 4) A resident said residents of Harbor View would like to thank you opening Honowai.

**Representative Rida Cabanilla** – Representative Cabanilla reported: 1) She congratulated the new Board officers. 2) Although the Plantation Town Apartments Project is not in her district, she will write a letter to the Governor. She has a copy of the Environmental Assessment (EA) available if someone wants to review it. 3) On her television program this Sunday on Olelo at 7:00 p.m. there will be a piece on her father-in-law, Goro Arakawa.

**Representative Jon Karamatsu** – Representative Karamatsu circulated his monthly report and highlighted the following: 1) He was on a trip to Japan to look into strengthening Hawaii's economy. 2) He was recently awarded "Legislator of the Year" by University of Hawai'i Professional Assembly (UHPA).

**Representative Mark Moses** – Representative Moses reported: 1) He attended the christening of the U.S.S. Hawaii'i in Connecticut. The ship will be here in a couple of years. 2) Three bills signed into law addressing illegal drinking: a) Drivers with a blood-alcohol level of 0.15 or higher will automatically have their driver's licenses and registrations suspended; b) Consumption and ingestion of alcohol are added to the list of prohibitions for those under 21; c) Any person under 21 who illegally purchases, possesses or consumes alcohol will lose the right to drive for at least 180 days. 3) He is a ranking member of the Conference Committee. Federal Line Item Bill – if 50% of either House votes against it, the President cannot veto it. 4) Weighted Student Formula - \$2 billion goes to the Department of Education (DOE). Some schools get two to three times the money than schools on this side of the island. Schools that are losing money are very upset. The Legislature put in \$20 million.

**Representative Alex Sonson** – Representative Sonson circulated his monthly report and highlighted the following: 1) Regarding the Weighted Student Formula, Waipahu complex schools are gaining money and not losing money. Because students speak various languages, Waipahu receives more money. 2) Today, the Chair of the Human Services Committee moved \$17 million into the Child Welfare program. A lot of kids are graduating from high school, some with honors. The grant is important to the kids. 3) His office is taking the lead regarding the Plantation Town Apartments project; he held a meeting last night. He did some research and it's not a done deal. The project is moving super fast compared to the Renaissance project. If the City Council opposes the project, the bill will die. There is nothing the area Legislators can do; it has to go through the process. The project has to pass the City Council's Zoning Committee then the Full Council. The Zoning Committee will hold a public hearing on July 5 at 9:00 a.m. People can submit testimony by calling 527-6910 or through the City's website, [www.honolulu.gov](http://www.honolulu.gov). He will attend the hearing and encouraged others to attend. He is doing his best and people shouldn't be questioning his actions; he is not the bad guy. His office is monitoring the City Council's agenda and will keep the Board updated.

Chair Oshiro apologized if there was any misunderstanding regarding his actions with the Plantation Town Apartments project. He thanked Representative Sonson for his efforts.

**Representative Ryan Yamane** – No report or representative was available.

**ADJOURNMENT:** By consensus, the meeting adjourned at 9:52 p.m.

Submitted by:

Steve J. Rodrigues  
Neighborhood Assistant